

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Participants will develop an individualized treatment plan.

A phase system is utilized to measure participant progress.

Services for education, counseling, and other needs are provided by outside agencies.

Participants are referred to these agencies throughout the program as needed.

Supervision Monitoring – A case manager will monitor each participant placed in the program. The case manager will work closely with the program manager and service providers.

Compliance Hearing – All participants are required to attend bi-monthly compliance hearings. During the hearing, the progress of each participant is reviewed in open court. Both incentives and sanctions are used as methods of motivation.

Disposition of Court Case – The Veterans' Court Diversion Program is a 6-to-24 month program. The period directly relates to the participant's *needs* and/or *compliance*.

Upon successful completion of the program, the case(s) are dismissed (if allowed by law). In the event the agreement is terminated, the case(s) are remanded to the court of origin for continued prosecution.

## PROGRAM COST

Subject to program fee up to \$750. JIV may be responsible for costs of treatment services including but not limited to drug urinalysis, evaluations, inpatient/outpatient treatment, counseling, etc.

## CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

- Veteran or current member of the United States Armed Forces, including a member of the Reserves, National Guard, or State Guard.
- Connection between offense and military service; and military service materially affected the JIV's criminal conduct at issue in the case.
- Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions Discharge.

## ACCESS TO THE PROGRAM

District Attorney (DA) Approval – All cases are reviewed by the County District Attorney's office for final approval.

Referrals – Accepted from a variety of sources, including law enforcement, jail staff, judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, mental health professionals, and family or friends.

Intake Process –

- Once a referral is received, the DA's office reviews it to ensure the criteria are met.
- Following DA review, the JIV are given a date and time to complete screening forms.
- The JIV is scheduled for a face-to-face interview with the program manager.
- A formal comprehensive assessment is completed by the program manager and submitted to the DA's office for final approval/denial.
- The JIV attorney and court of origin are notified of decision.

## OVERVIEW

The Veterans' Court is a diversion program for Justice-Involved Veterans (JIV) who are currently facing prosecution for one or more criminal cases. The program offers offenders a treatment option that is judicially supervised. It is designed to divert JIV out of the traditional criminal justice process and into appropriate rehabilitative alternatives. Once the JIV has been screened, assessed, and approved for participation in the program, he/she will promptly begin a treatment regimen that is specific to his/her needs.

## GOALS

Our program's goals are to find JIV, assess their needs, offer assistance, manage their care, and provide them with successful treatment options ultimately leading to community reintegration, and resolution of their criminal case(s).

## MISSION

Our mission is to provide support and rehabilitation opportunities to qualified criminal defendants whose crimes were materially connected to combat injuries suffered as a result of honorable service in the United States Armed Forces.



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## North Texas Veterans' Court Program

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